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The Marshall County Health Department (MCHD) will be holding an H1N1 vaccination clinic for school age children and their siblings at Washington Elementary School.

Vaccine is still being received in limited, but increasing, quantities, and the MCHD is planning on holding similar clinics in all county school corporations as vaccine becomes available. These clinics will be held as soon as vaccine amounts allow.

We ask that you not overwhelm the school clinics, and let the children get the vaccine which will reduce the H1N1 exposure to everyone. The vaccine for the Washington School clinic is limited and the clinic will be on Thursday November 5th from 5 PM to 7 PM.

Children are now being targeted as they are the largest group and catching and transmitting the H1N1 virus the most. Knocking the H1N1 virus down in children will reduce everyone's exposure to H1N1.

The MCHD wants to thank the community for their cooperation and patience during this time. The MCHD understands that many people want the vaccine and is providing the vaccine to the public as fast as possible. Further patience and cooperation is appreciated.

During the first few weeks when the H1N1 vaccine shipments were very small, the MCHD distributed vaccine to medical and other providers. This was so the vaccine could be distributed throughout the county and reach the CDC target populations.

The MCHD will still be trying to get some vaccine out to providers, however with increased supplies the focus will be shifting to school based clinics as this is the largest target group.

The MCHD will have school clinics in all parts of the county with follow up general clinics for everyone. This is a difficult and frustrating time as the supply catches up with demand. Again we ask that you not overwhelm the school clinics, and let the children get the vaccine which will reduce the H1N1 exposure to everyone.

Please continue to monitor local media outlets for updated information on future clinics, both for school aged children and the general public.